

Independent Living Options for Independent Seniors

Indiana's Need for More Home- and Community-Based Options and Fewer Institutions

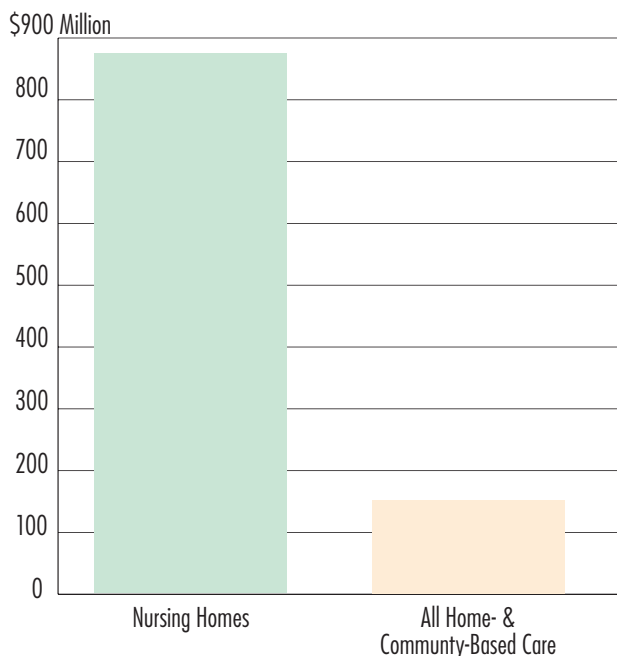
Most seniors prefer home- and community-based care options rather than nursing homes. They are also a better financial alternative for taxpayers.

And yet, Indiana spends five times more money on nursing homes than on home- and community-based care.

The average annual cost of nursing home care is twice as much as home- and community-based care.

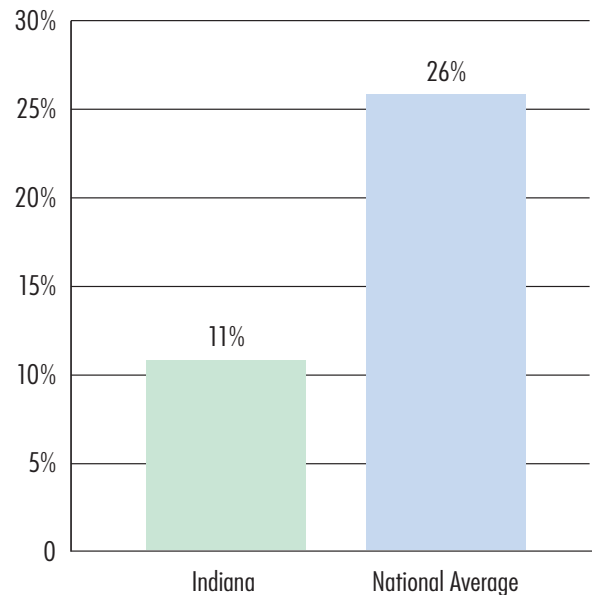
Indiana lags behind other states in its options for long-term care for seniors.

Annual Indiana Funding for Long-Term Care Services



Home- and Community-Based Care Expenditures

Total Medicaid Dollars for Long-Term Care



Source: AARP, Across the States, Profiles of Long-Term Care Systems, 1999

During the next twenty years it is estimated that Hoosiers in need of long-term care will increase about 23 percent, from about 325,000 to 400,000.

Why put more money toward increasing home- and community-based care?

- Older Hoosiers prefer to remain in their own homes and communities.
- Home- and community-based care options provide seniors the services they need.
- Nursing home care is significantly more expensive.
- Many seniors enjoy a higher quality of life in their own homes and communities.



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